

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TS-OPTICS CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 8:24-cv-01974-DOC-DFM

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the Parties hereby propose the following Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this proposed order is consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c). This proposed order does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery. This proposed order affords protection from public disclosure and use that extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential material or information under seal.

1 2. DEFINITIONS

2 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges any of the following under  
3 this Protective Order: (1) the designation or non-designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material  
4 or (2) the amount of printed Source Code to be produced.

5 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Protected Material: “Confidential” Protected Material is  
6 material or information (regardless of how it is generated, stored, or maintained) that qualify for  
7 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) and shall include the following: non-public  
8 documents identifying actual or potential customers; research and development; non-public  
9 completed or ongoing projects; non-public responses to solicitations or requests for proposals;  
10 financial, cost, and pricing information; and information subject to non-disclosure or other  
11 confidentiality agreements with third-parties.

12 2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record (as well as their support  
13 staff) and specifically-identified House Counsel.

14 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates Protected Material as  
15 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or  
16 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.”

17 2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all information and tangible things, regardless  
18 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other  
19 things, documents, testimony, and transcripts), that are produced, disclosed, or used in this matter.

20 2.6. Final Disposition: the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this action,  
21 with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all  
22 appeals, re-hearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time limits for filing  
23 any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

24 2.7 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Protected Material:  
25 “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Protected Material is material or information  
26 (regardless of how it is generated, stored, or maintained) that qualify for protection under Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), the disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means, and shall include the following: proprietary design and development materials for products and/or services; proprietary algorithms, software, designs, and trade secrets; sensitive products and/or services; and strategic decision-making information. Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only Protected Material includes any personal information that a Party or Non-Party reasonably believes to be subject to federal, state or foreign Data Protection Laws or other privacy obligations. Examples of such Data Protection Laws include, without limitation, The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq. (financial information); The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) and the regulations thereunder, 45 CFR Part 160 and Subparts A and E of Part 164 (medical information); Regulation (EU) 2016/679 Of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the Protection of Natural Persons with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data and on the Free Movement of Such Data, also known as the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), and the UK Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.

2.8 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” Protected Material: “Highly Confidential – Source Code” Protected Material is material or information (regardless of how it is generated, stored, or maintained) that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) and shall include the following: material or information representing or consisting of Source Code as defined in section 2.18.

2.9 House Counsel: in-house counsel of a Party to this action and paralegals working at the direction of such in-house counsel who have no involvement in competitive decision-making, and to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

2.10 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

1           2.11 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a Party to this  
2 action but are retained to represent or advise a Party to this action and who have appeared in this  
3 action or attorneys whose law firm has appeared in this action on behalf of that Party, including  
4 staff of the law firm that has appeared.

5           2.12 Party: either TS-Optics Corporation (“TS-Optics”) or Microsoft Corporation  
6 (“Microsoft”), as applicable. “Parties” refers to both TS-Optics and Microsoft.

7           2.13 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
8 Material in this action.

9           2.14 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
10 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
11 organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and  
12 subcontractors.

13           2.15 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
14 “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or  
15 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.”

16           2.16 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
17 Producing Party.

18           2.17 Retained Consultant: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a  
19 matter pertinent to the litigation who (1) has been retained by a Party or its Counsel to serve as an  
20 expert witness or as a consultant in this action, (2) is not a current employee of a Party’s competitor,  
21 and (3) at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or of a Party’s  
22 competitor.

23           2.18 Source Code: material that comprises, includes, or substantially discloses  
24 confidential, proprietary, or trade secret source code or algorithms. Such material may include,  
25 among other things, computer code, associated comments, and/or revision histories for computer  
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code; and/or formulas, engineering specifications, or schematics that define or otherwise describe in detail the algorithms or structure of software designs.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this Protective Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that reveal Protected Material. However, the protections conferred by this Protective Order do not cover the following information: (1) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Protective Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (2) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party.

Any document produced before issuance of this Protective Order with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” (or similar language) shall receive the same treatment as if designated under this Protective Order, unless and until such document is redesignated to have a different classification under this Protective Order.

4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

4.1 Basic Principles.

(a) A Receiving Party may use Protected Material only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation and associated appeals.

(b) Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Protective Order.

1 (c) A Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 5 below (NON  
2 TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS) when the litigation has been terminated.

3 (d) A Receiving Party must store and maintain Protected Material at a location and  
4 in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Protective  
5 Order.

6 (e) Nothing in this Protective Order restricts a Producing Party's use of its own  
7 Protected Material.

8 4.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Protected Material. Unless otherwise ordered  
9 by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
10 Protected Material designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" that is not "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
11 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE" only to:

12 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
13 employees of Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
14 information for this litigation;

15 (b) up to two identified House Counsel and one paralegal working at the direction  
16 of such House Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
17 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A)  
18 provided that such signed "Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound" is provided to the  
19 Designating Party prior to the disclosure of any "CONFIDENTIAL" Protected Material to the  
20 House Counsel described in this paragraph;

21 (c) Retained Consultants (as defined in this Protective Order) of the Receiving  
22 Party: (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation; (2) who have signed the  
23 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); and (3) as to whom the procedures  
24 set forth in paragraph 4.5(a), below, have been followed;

25 (d) the Court and its personnel, including the Special Master and his staff;

26 (e) court reporters and videographers, and their staff;

1 (f) professional jury or trial consultants including mock jurors who have signed the  
2 “Non-Disclosure Agreement” (Exhibit B);

3 (g) Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
4 litigation;

5 (h) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is  
6 reasonably necessary;

7 (i) the author or recipient of a document containing the Protected Material or a  
8 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed, knew, or reasonably may have known the  
9 Protected Material (*e.g.*, those identified in Section 11 regarding depositions); and

10 (j) any mediator who is assigned to this matter, and his or her staff, who have signed  
11 the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A).

12 4.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”  
13 Protected Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the  
14 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any Disclosure or Discovery Material  
15 designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

16 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
17 employees of Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
18 information for this litigation;

19 (b) Retained Consultants (as defined in this Protective Order) of the Receiving  
20 Party: (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation; (2) who have signed the  
21 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A); and (3) as to whom the procedures  
22 set forth in paragraph 4.5(a), below, have been followed;

23 (c) the Court and its personnel, including the Special Master and his staff;

24 (d) court reporters and videographers, and their staff;

25 (e) professional jury or trial consultants including mock jurors who have signed the  
26 “Non-Disclosure Agreement” (Exhibit B);

1 (f) Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
2 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound” (Exhibit A);

3 (g) during their depositions, 30(b)(6) witnesses to whom disclosure is reasonably  
4 necessary;

5 (h) the author or recipient of a document containing the Protected Material or a  
6 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed knew, or reasonably may have known the  
7 Protected Material (*e.g.*, those identified in Section 11 regarding depositions); and

8 (i) any mediator who is assigned to this matter, and his or her staff, who have signed  
9 the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A).

10 4.4 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” Protected  
11 Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party,  
12 a Receiving Party may disclose any Disclosure or Discovery Material designated “HIGHLY  
13 CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” only to:

14 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
15 employees of Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
16 information for this litigation;

17 (b) Retained Consultants (as defined in this Protective Order) of the Receiving  
18 Party: (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation; (2) who have signed the  
19 “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), and (3) as to whom the procedures  
20 set forth in paragraph 4.5(a), below, have been followed without any unresolved objections.

21 The Receiving Party may only identify up to five Retained Consultants<sup>1</sup> to disclose the  
22 Protected Material designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE”;

23 (c) the Court and its personnel, including the Special Master and his staff;

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25 <sup>1</sup> For purposes of this paragraph, Retained Consultant is defined to include the Retained  
26 Consultant’s direct reports and support personnel, such that the disclosure to the Retained  
Consultant who employs others within his or her firm to help in his or her analysis shall count as  
a disclosure to a single Retained Consultant.



1 (d) court reporters and videographers, and their staff;

2 (e) professional jury or trial consultants (but not mock jurors) who have signed the  
3 “Non-Disclosure Agreement” (Exhibit B);

4 (f) Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
5 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound” (Exhibit A);

6 (g) during their depositions, 30(b)(6) witnesses to whom disclosure is reasonably  
7 necessary;

8 (h) the author or recipient of a document containing the Protected Material or a  
9 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed knew, or reasonably may have known the  
10 Protected Material (*e.g.*, those identified in Section 11 regarding depositions) after disclosing the  
11 Protected Material to Designating Party; and

12 (i) any mediator who is assigned to this matter, and his or her staff, who have signed  
13 the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A).

14 4.5 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL,”  
15 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
16 – SOURCE CODE” Material to Retained Consultants.

17 (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed to in writing by the  
18 Designating Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to a Retained Consultant (as defined in this  
19 Protective Order) any Protected Material, must first make a written request to the Designating  
20 Party that (1) sets forth the full name of the Retained Consultant and the city and state of his or her  
21 primary residence, (2) attaches a copy of the Retained Consultant’s current CV or resume, (3)  
22 identifies the Retained Consultant’s current employer(s), (4) identifies the entities for who they  
23 have provided consulting work, including in connection with a litigation, at any time during the  
24 preceding four years, and the Party to the litigation for whom such work was done, (5) identifies  
25 (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in connection  
26 with which the Retained Consultant has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration,

1 report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years, and (6) identifies any  
2 patents or patent applications in which the Retained Consultant is identified as an inventor or  
3 applicant, is involved in prosecuting or maintaining, or has any pecuniary interest. With regard to  
4 the disclosures sought through paragraph 4.5(a)(4)-(6), if the Retained Consultant believes  
5 disclosure of such information is subject to a confidentiality obligation to a Non-Party, then the  
6 Retained Consultant should provide whatever information the Retained Consultant believes can  
7 be disclosed without violating any confidentiality agreements, and the Party seeking to disclose  
8 Protected Material to the Retained Consultant must be available to meet and confer with the  
9 Designating Party regarding any such engagement prior to disclosing the Protected Material to the  
10 Retained Consultant.

11 (b) A Party that makes a request and provides the disclosures specified in  
12 Paragraph 4.5(a) may disclose Protected Materials to the identified Retained Consultant unless,  
13 within 5 calendar days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the  
14 Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in detail all grounds on which it is based.

15 (c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the  
16 Designating Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by agreement  
17 within 7 calendar days of the written objection. If no agreement is reached, either Party may begin  
18 the process of creating a Joint Stipulation pursuant to L.R. 37-2 or shall use a procedure as set  
19 forth by the Special Master.

20 In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Retained Consultant bears the  
21 burden of proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards  
22 proposed) substantially outweighs the nominating Party's need to disclose the Protected Material  
23 to its Retained Consultant.

24 4.6 Filing Protected Material. Before filing Protected Material or discussing or  
25 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party,  
26 in accordance with the sealing requirements in the Central District of California, to determine

1 whether the designating party will remove the corresponding designation, whether the document  
2 can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is warranted. During  
3 the meet and confer process, the Designating Party must identify the basis for sealing the specific  
4 confidential information at issue, and the filing party shall include this basis in its motion to seal,  
5 along with any objection to sealing the information at issue. A party who seeks to maintain the  
6 confidentiality of its information must satisfy the the sealing requirements in the Central District  
7 of California.

8 5. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

9 Within 60 calendar days after the Final Disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph  
10 2.6, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such  
11 material. As used in this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts,  
12 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
13 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must  
14 submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the  
15 Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all  
16 the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has  
17 not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or  
18 capturing any of the Protected Material.

19 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all  
20 documents filed with the Court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,  
21 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work  
22 product, even if such materials contain Protected Material.

23 Even after Final Disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by  
24 this Protective Order remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a  
25 court order otherwise directs.

26 6. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

1           6.1     Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party  
2 or Non-Party that designates Disclosure or Discovery Material for protection under this Protective  
3 Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the  
4 appropriate standards.

5           Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
6 shown to be clearly unjustified or that are shown to have been made for an improper purpose (e.g.,  
7 to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
8 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions at the  
9 discretion of the Court.

10           If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that Disclosure or Discovery Material that it  
11 designated for protection does not qualify for protection at all or do not qualify for the level of  
12 protection initially asserted, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is  
13 withdrawing the mistaken designation.

14           6.2     Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
15 Protective Order (see, e.g., Section 6.2(b) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure  
16 or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Protective Order must be clearly so  
17 designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

18           (a) Information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
19 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), the Producing Party must  
20 affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL," "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES  
21 ONLY," or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE" to each page that contains Protected  
22 Material. For Protected Material that is produced in native electronic format, the designation must  
23 be included in the file name (with the original file name intact in metadata) and on any slipsheets  
24 when produced, and any Party when printing such Protected Material shall take reasonable  
25 measures to ensure the confidentiality designation of the printed copy is apparent.  
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1 (b) Testimony given in deposition or other pretrial proceedings: the Designating  
2 Party shall either (1) identify on the record or (2) identify, in writing, within 21 calendar days of  
3 the deposition, that the transcript must be treated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY  
4 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
5 CODE.” Notwithstanding the previous provision and other provisions of this Protective Order, if  
6 requested by a Receiving Party at or after a deposition, a Designating Party has 21 calendar days  
7 from the receipt of the request or the final deposition transcription, which is later, to designate the  
8 pages of the deposition transcript which are to be treated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY  
9 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
10 CODE.” To the extent a deponent gives testimony regarding Protected Material, unless the Parties  
11 agree otherwise, that testimony must be treated in accordance with the level the Protected Material  
12 was designated regardless of whether the testimony itself receives express designation at or after  
13 the deposition.

14 Transcripts containing Protected Material must have an obvious legend on the title page  
15 that the transcript contains Protected Material. If a Party inadvertently fails to make a designation  
16 at the deposition or pretrial proceeding, the Parties shall treat any transcript that was not designated  
17 on the record pursuant to paragraph 6.2(b) as if it had been designated “HIGHLY  
18 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” in its entirety unless otherwise agreed. After  
19 the expiration of that 21-day period or of such earlier time that such transcript is designated, the  
20 transcript will be treated only as actually designated.

21 (c) for Protected Material produced in some form other than documentary and for  
22 any tangible things: the Producing Party must affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the  
23 container or containers in which the Protected Material is produced or disclosed the legend  
24 “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or  
25 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.”  
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1           6.3    Inadvertent Failures to Designate. An inadvertent failure to designate qualified  
2 Disclosure or Discovery Material does not necessarily waive the Designating Party's right to  
3 secure protection under this Protective Order for such material. Upon correction of a designation,  
4 the Receiving Party must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated in  
5 accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order, which may require a Party to withdraw  
6 access to Protected Material that was given to a person who is not authorized to have access under  
7 the new designation.

8           In the event that a Producing Party inadvertently fails to designate Protected Material, the  
9 Producing Party shall give written notice of such inadvertent production (the "Inadvertent  
10 Production Notice") and shall reproduce copies of the Protected Material that are labeled with the  
11 appropriate confidentiality designation. Upon receipt of an Inadvertent Production Notice and  
12 properly labeled Protected Material, the Receiving Party shall promptly destroy the inadvertently  
13 produced Protected Material and all copies thereof or return such together with all copies of such  
14 Protected Material to counsel for the Producing Party. Should the Receiving Party choose to  
15 destroy such inadvertently produced Protected Material, the Receiving Party shall notify the  
16 Producing Party in writing of such destruction within 14 calendar days of receipt of written notice  
17 of the Inadvertent Production Notice and properly labeled Protected Material. This provision is  
18 not intended to apply to any inadvertent production of any document, material, or testimony  
19 protected by attorney-client or work product privileges.

20           A Receiving Party may challenge the redesignation of Protected Material pursuant to  
21 paragraph 7.

22   7.    CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

23           7.1    Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
24 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality  
25 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
26 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to

1 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
2 original designation is disclosed.

3       7.2     Procedure for Challenges. The parties shall follow the procedures for discovery  
4 disputes under the Local Rules or as ordered by the Special Master. The burden of persuasion in  
5 any such motion shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an  
6 improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties)  
7 may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material  
8 in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

9     8.     EXPERT MATERIALS

10       For Retained Consultants retained in anticipation of or in connection with this action,  
11 documents constituting drafts of expert reports and declarations, and documents constituting notes  
12 created by or for an expert in connection with preparation of his or her expert report or declaration,  
13 shall not be discoverable and need not be preserved unless a testifying expert relies upon such  
14 drafts and/or notes. Work product materials, including communications, generated in connection  
15 with non-testifying experts and consultants who are retained solely in anticipation of or in  
16 connection with the above-captioned litigation, shall not be discoverable absent an order by the  
17 Court. Conversations or communications between House Counsel and/or Outside Counsel of  
18 Record and any testifying expert or consultant shall not be discoverable absent an order by the  
19 Court, except to the extent such conversations or communications are relied upon by the testifying  
20 expert.

21     9.     DISCLOSURE AND INSPECTION OF SOURCE CODE

22       (a)     To the extent Source Code is disclosed or produced in this case, a Producing  
23 Party must permit inspection of Source Code in a manner that maintains the security and  
24 confidentiality of the requested Source Code. Any Source Code that is offered for inspection must  
25 be given all protections of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE” and only individuals  
26 to whom “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” Protected Material may be disclosed,

1 as set forth in Paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5, may inspect the Source Code.

2 (b) Subject to the other provisions in this Protective Order, any Source Code to  
3 be produced or disclosed in discovery will be made available for inspection upon reasonable notice  
4 to the Producing Party, which must not be less than five (5) business days in advance of the first  
5 requested inspection and three (3) business days in advance for every requested inspection  
6 thereafter. However, the Producing Party shall make exceptions and permit less notice for later  
7 inspections when reasonably possible. Except as provided herein, one secured computer that is  
8 unable to connect to external drives and that is without Internet or network access containing the  
9 Source Code in a format allowing it to be reasonably reviewed and searched (“Source Code  
10 Computer”),<sup>2</sup> will be made available during normal business hours (9:00 am to 6:00 pm local time)  
11 or at other mutually agreeable times, at an office of the Producing Party’s Counsel selected by the  
12 Producing Party, or at another mutually agreed upon location. Upon reasonable notice from the  
13 Receiving Party, the Designating Party shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the  
14 Receiving Party’s request for access to the Source Code Computer outside of normal business  
15 hours. Except as provided herein, the Source Code inspection must occur in a room without  
16 Internet access or network access to other computers, and the Receiving Party shall not copy,  
17 remove, or otherwise transfer any portion of the Source Code onto any recordable media or  
18 recordable device. Source Code must be produced in its native format and organized as it is kept  
19 in the ordinary course of business (e.g., for computer Source Code, its folder structure must be  
20 maintained and produced in native text file formats). The Producing Party may visually monitor  
21 the activities of the Receiving Party’s representatives during any Source Code review, but only to  
22 ensure that there is no unauthorized recording, copying, or transmission of the Source Code. The  
23 Receiving Party’s representatives have a reasonable expectation of privacy and work product

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24 <sup>2</sup> If a Receiving Party believes that it needs an additional Source Code Computer, and the parties  
25 are unable to reach agreement with respect to the additional Source Code Computer, the Receiving  
26 Party may seek relief from the Court. If a Receiving Party believes that it needs a Source Code  
Computer to be available at trial, and the Parties are unable to reach agreement with respect to the  
additional Source Code Computer, the Receiving Party may seek relief from the Court.



1 protections during the course of the review, and the Source Code Computer shall be set-up so that  
2 any visual inspection cannot view the monitor]. All persons entering the inspection room where  
3 the Source Code is being viewed shall sign a log that includes the names of persons who enter the  
4 room and the dates and times when they enter and depart.

5 The Producing Party shall install tools that are sufficient for viewing and searching the  
6 Source Code produced for inspection on the Source Code Computer. Source code-specific tools  
7 must be provided. The provision of only native operating systems tools, such as Windows search  
8 and Notepad, are insufficient. In addition, to the extent that the Source Code Computer contains  
9 files that require specific software, such as a PDF (Adobe Acrobat), DOCX (Microsoft Word),  
10 PPTX (Microsoft PowerPoint), or XLSX (Microsoft Excel), Producing Party shall install the  
11 software required to view the files.

12 The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel and/or experts/consultants may request that  
13 additional commercially available software tools for viewing and searching Source Code be  
14 installed on the Source Code Computer, provided, however, that (a) the Receiving Party possesses  
15 an appropriate license to such software tools; (b) the Producing Party approves such software tools;  
16 and (c) such other software tools are reasonably necessary for the Receiving Party to perform its  
17 review of the Source Code consistent with all of the protections herein. The Producing Party may  
18 not unreasonably withhold consent to such software. The Receiving Party must provide the  
19 Producing Party with the software (via, for example, CD, DVD, or download link) containing such  
20 licensed software tool(s) at least ten (10) business days in advance of the date upon which the  
21 Receiving Party wishes to have the additional software tools available for use on the Source Code  
22 Computer. The Producing Party shall install the requested software with the Parties engaging in  
23 good faith efforts if necessary to ensure proper setup, functioning, or support of any software  
24 requested by the Receiving Party. Producing Party must have the ability to sufficiently access the  
25 Source Code Computer to allow the Receiving Party or its consultants to troubleshoot the software  
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1 on-site. Unless otherwise agreed, the Producing Party will not compile or debug software for  
2 installation.

3 (c) The Receiving Party may request paper copies of limited portions of Source  
4 Code that are reasonably necessary to attach to filings, pleadings, expert reports, or other papers,  
5 or for use as an exhibit at deposition or trial. The Parties agree that the greater of 10 percent or  
6 500 pages of the total produced Source Code and 50 continuous pages is reasonable. These limits  
7 shall not apply to non-native Source code files, such as files produced as PDFs, DOCXs, PPTXs,  
8 or XLSXs. The Receiving Party may seek additional pages of printed source code, whether by  
9 agreement of the Parties or through order of the Court, should the Receiving Party deem it  
10 reasonably necessary. Under no circumstances will a Receiving Party be provided paper copies  
11 for the purposes of reviewing the Source Code in the first instance. Using the software available  
12 on the Source Code Computer (provided by the Producing Party), the Receiving Party shall create  
13 PDFs of the printed copies the Receiving Party is requesting and save them in a folder on the  
14 Source Code Computer. The Receiving Party or its consultants shall inform Producing Party  
15 where to access the PDFs, either verbally or via email. To the extent reasonably possible, the PDF  
16 printouts of native Source Code must include identifying information including the full file path  
17 and file name, page number, line numbers, and date. Within three (3) business days of such  
18 request, the Producing Party shall provide four copies of all such Source Code , and one copy of  
19 the printed Source Code on copyable paper, including bates numbers and the label "HIGHLY  
20 CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE," which the Parties agree not to challenge the authenticity  
21 of. If the request is served after 5:30 p.m. local time, it will be deemed served the following  
22 business day.

23 (d) The Receiving Party shall maintain a log of all paper copies of the Source  
24 Code. The log must include the names of all reviewers and recipients of paper copies and locations  
25 where each paper copy is stored. The Receiving Party shall securely maintain and store any paper  
26 copies of the Source Code and any notes taken that reveal the substance or content of the Source

1 Code at their offices (which may be in their homes) in a manner that prevents duplication of or  
2 unauthorized access to the Source Code, including, without limitation, storing the Source Code in  
3 a locked room or cabinet at all times when it is not in use. Except as set forth in this paragraph,  
4 the Receiving Party is prohibited from creating any electronic or other images or making electronic  
5 copies of the Source Code from any paper copy of the Source Code for use in any manner  
6 (including by way of example only, the Receiving Party may not scan the Source Code to a PDF  
7 or photograph the code), and must not convert any of the Protected Material contained in the paper  
8 copies into any electronic format. Except as set forth in this paragraph, images or copies of Source  
9 Code must not be included in correspondence, including between the Parties (references to  
10 production numbers, file paths, and/or line numbers must be used instead) and must be omitted  
11 from the body of pleadings and other papers. To the extent Source Code is included in an expert  
12 report, the Receiving Party may create an electronic copy or image of limited excerpts of Source  
13 Code for use in the expert report. If the image contains more than 5 consecutive lines of source  
14 code, the Receiving Party may create an electronic image of a selected portion of the Source Code  
15 only when the electronic file containing such image ("Source Code File") has been encrypted using  
16 commercially reasonable software (specifically Microsoft Word Document Protect, 7Zip, or other  
17 software agreed upon by the Parties in writing) provided, however, that transitory images, such as  
18 images temporarily saved to the clipboard during copy/paste operations, do not need to be so  
19 encrypted. The Receiving Party shall not transmit any Source Code Files using email (though they  
20 may email the passwords to encrypted files which are sent via SFTP or other secure file transfer),  
21 nor shall the Receiving Party store any Source Code Files on any handheld devices, such as  
22 smartphones. Any transmission of Source Code Files shall be via secure FTP or password-  
23 protected media. Copies of Source Code Files shall be deleted immediately from any media used  
24 for purposes of transfer after transfer is complete. The Receiving Party shall maintain a log of all  
25 such electronic copies of any portion of Source Code in its possession or in the possession of its  
26 retained consultants, including the names of the senders and recipients of any such electronic

1 copies and the locations and manner in which the electronic copies are stored, to the extent any  
2 electronic copies are stored outside of the law offices of Outside Counsel of Record for the  
3 Receiving Party. Such log need not include the names of any attorneys or staff of Outside Counsel  
4 of Record for the Receiving Party. The communication and/or disclosure of electronic files  
5 containing any portion of Source Code shall at all times be limited to individuals who are expressly  
6 authorized to view Source Code under the provisions of this Protective Order. Any electronic  
7 copies of any portions of source code (or documents containing said portions of source code) must  
8 be designated "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY – SOURCE CODE" as  
9 provided for in this Protective Order. The designation must be included in the file name of each  
10 Source Code file.

11           The Receiving Party may request additional paper copies, for example, if such  
12 additional copies are (1) necessary to attach to court filings, pleadings, or other papers (including  
13 a testifying expert's report), (2) necessary for deposition, or (3) necessary for trial. The Receiving  
14 Party shall not request paper copies for the purposes of reviewing the Source Code other than  
15 electronically as set forth in paragraph 10(b) in the first instance.

16           To the extent a deposition is likely to involve Source Code being shown to a witness  
17 on a Source Code Computer, the Party taking the deposition shall provide at least five (5) calendar  
18 days written notice of that fact. The Parties are aware of the limited availability of Source Code  
19 Computers and thus will endeavor to not schedule multiple depositions on the same day in order  
20 to help ensure the availability of Source Code Computers at depositions. The Producing Party  
21 shall provide copies of the source code printout to the witness upon reasonable notice by the  
22 Receiving Party. Any such paper copies used during a deposition will be retrieved by the  
23 Producing Party at the end of each day and must not be given to or left with a court reporter or any  
24 other unauthorized individual.

25           (e) Other than a note taking computer discussed below, no recordable media or  
26 recordable devices, including, without limitation, sound recorders, computers, cellular telephones,

1 peripheral equipment, cameras, CDs, DVDs, or drives of any kind, will be permitted into the  
2 Source Code review room. For avoidance of doubt, use or possession of any input/output device  
3 (e.g., USB memory stick, mobile phone or tablet, camera or any camera-enabled device, CD,  
4 floppy disk, portable hard drive, laptop, or any device that can access the Internet or any other  
5 network or external system, etc.) is prohibited while accessing the computer containing the Source  
6 Code. The Producing Party shall make best efforts to provide a secure location with WiFi access  
7 near the Source Code review room for inspecting individuals to store such media or recording  
8 devices (e.g., their cellular telephones), their other electronic and non-electronic possessions, and  
9 to otherwise break out during Source Code inspections.

10 (f) The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel and/or Retained Consultants will be  
11 entitled to take hand-written and/or electronic notes relating to the Source Code (including file  
12 paths, file names, line numbers, and identifier names) but may not copy more than 3 consecutive  
13 lines of the Source Code into the notes and may not take such notes electronically on the Source  
14 Code Computer itself or any computer other than the note taking computer. When reviewing  
15 Source Code, the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel and/or Retained Consultants are entitled to  
16 bring a note taking computer into the Source Code review room to take electronic notes.

17 (g) The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel and any person receiving a copy of  
18 any Source Code, as authorized under Paragraph 4.4, shall maintain and store any paper copies of  
19 the Source Code and any notes taken during the inspection of the Source Code that reveal the  
20 substance or content of the Source Code at their offices (which may be in their homes) in a manner  
21 that prevents duplication of or unauthorized access to the Source Code, including, without  
22 limitation, storing the Source Code in a locked room or cabinet at all times when it is not in use.

23 (h) A Producing Party's Source Code may only be transported by the Receiving  
24 Party at the direction of a person authorized under this Protective Order to another person authorized  
25 under this Protective Order via hand carry, Federal Express, or other similarly reliable courier.  
26 Limited portions of Source Code that are embedded in to attached to court pleadings or expert

1 reports are exempted from this requirement.

2 10. PROTECTED MATERIAL IN DEPOSITIONS

3 Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prejudice any Party's right to use any  
4 Protected Material in taking testimony at any deposition or hearing provided that the Protected  
5 Material is only disclosed to a person(s) who is: (1) eligible to have access to the Protected Material  
6 by virtue of his or her employment with the Producing Party, (2) identified in the Protected  
7 Material as an author, addressee, or copy recipient of such information, (3) although not identified  
8 as an author, addressee, or copy recipient of such Protected Material, has, in the ordinary course  
9 of business, seen such Protected Material, (4) a current or former officer, director or employee of  
10 the Producing Party or a current or former officer, director or employee of a company affiliated  
11 with the Producing Party; or (5) otherwise eligible to have access to Protected Material by the  
12 terms of this Protective Order. Protected Material shall not be disclosed to any other persons  
13 unless prior authorization is obtained from Outside Counsel representing the Producing Party or  
14 from the Court.

15 11. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
16 LITIGATION

17 11.1 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that  
18 compels disclosure of any Protected Material designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL,"  
19 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
20 – SOURCE CODE" that Party must:

21 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification must include  
22 a copy of the subpoena or court order;

23 (b) promptly notify in writing the Party who caused the subpoena or order to issue  
24 in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject  
25 to this Protective Order. Such notification must include a copy of this Protective Order; and  
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1 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
2 Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

3 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order or seeks to quash the  
4 subpoena, the Party served with the subpoena or court order must not produce any Disclosure or  
5 Discovery Material designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY  
6 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
7 CODE” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the  
8 Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission to produce the subpoenaed Protected  
9 Material or is otherwise compelled to do so by a court or other legal authority. The Designating  
10 Party bears the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material  
11 – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
12 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court. Any agreement by a  
13 Designating Party that Protected Material may be produced in response to a subpoena does not in  
14 any way waive the protections this Protected Order provides against disclosure in any other  
15 litigation.

16 11.2 The provisions set forth herein are not intended to, and do not, restrict in any way  
17 the procedures set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(3) or (f).

18 12. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS  
19 LITIGATION

20 (a) Any discovery requests, including subpoena and deposition notices,  
21 propounded to Non-Parties must be accompanied by a copy of this Protective Order.

22 (b) The terms, remedies, and relief provided by this Protective Order are applicable  
23 to Disclosure or Discovery Material produced by a Non-Party in this action and designated as  
24 “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or  
25 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.” Nothing in these provisions should be  
26 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

1 (c) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce  
2 a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement  
3 with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

4 1. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party  
5 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-  
6 Party, including an identification of withheld material sufficient to reasonably permit the  
7 Requesting Party to understand the nature of the information being withheld;

8 2. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Protective Order  
9 in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the  
10 information requested; and

11 3. pursuant to any procedures in an agreement between the Producing  
12 Party and the Non-Party, promptly follow those procedures in order to get authorization to produce  
13 the information requested.

14 (d) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this Court  
15 within any mandated notice period (*e.g.*, notice period listed in any contract) or fourteen (14)  
16 calendar days, whichever is longer, of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the  
17 Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery  
18 request. For avoidance of doubt, if the agreement between the Producing Party and the Non-Party  
19 does not permit the production of the requested information without authorization from the Non-  
20 Party even if the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court, then the Producing  
21 Party shall not be required to produce any information in its possession or control that is subject  
22 to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the Court. If the  
23 Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information  
24 in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party  
25 before a determination by the Court.

26 13. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL



1 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
2 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the  
3 Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized  
4 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material or  
5 confirm destruction of all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or  
6 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Protective Order, and  
7 (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
8 that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9 14. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
10 MATERIAL

11 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
12 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
13 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision  
14 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or  
15 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the  
16 entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein for inadvertent  
17 disclosures.

18 15. MISCELLANEOUS

19 15.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Protective Order abridges the right of any  
20 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

21 15.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By seeking entry of this Protective Order, no Party  
22 waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any Disclosure or  
23 Discovery Material on any ground not addressed in this Protective Order. Similarly, no Party  
24 waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this  
25 Protective Order.  
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1       15.3 Export Control. The Protected Material disclosed by the Producing Party may contain  
2 technical data subject to export control laws and therefore the release of such technical data to  
3 foreign persons or nationals may be restricted. The Receiving Party shall take measures necessary  
4 to ensure compliance with applicable export control laws, including confirming that no  
5 unauthorized foreign person has access to such technical data.

6       Absent agreement, a Party's Designated Material must be stored and maintained by a  
7 receiving Party at a location in the United States of America and in a secure manner that ensures  
8 that access is limited to persons authorized under this Order. Without limitation, this prohibition  
9 extends to Protected Material (including copies) in physical and electronic form. The viewing of  
10 Protected Material through electronic means outside the territorial limits of the United States of  
11 America is similarly prohibited. The restrictions contained within this paragraph may be amended  
12 through the express written consent of the Parties to the extent that such agreed to procedures  
13 conform with applicable export control laws and regulations. Nothing in this paragraph is intended  
14 to remove any obligation that may otherwise exist to produce documents currently located in a  
15 foreign country.

16       Notwithstanding this prohibition, Protected Material, exclusive of material designated  
17 HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE, and to the extent otherwise permitted by law, may  
18 be taken outside the territorial limits of the United States if it is reasonably necessary for a  
19 deposition taken in a foreign country.

20       If a deposition of a Producing Party's employee or 30(b)(6) designee occurs outside the  
21 United States, the Parties agree that Outside Counsel may share the Producing Party's Protected  
22 Materials with foreign counsel in that jurisdiction for purposes of the deposition. Nothing in this  
23 provision shall prevent House Counsel or Outside Counsel of Record from travelling outside the  
24 territorial limits of the United States with their personal electronic devices, including laptops  
25 and/or cellphones, or reviewing their electronic mail while traveling abroad.  
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1 The prohibitions contained within this section may be amended through the express written  
2 consent of the Parties to the extent that such agreed to procedures conform with applicable export  
3 control laws and regulations. Nothing in this section is intended to remove any obligation that  
4 may otherwise exist to produce documents currently located in a foreign country.

5 15.4 Privilege Logs. No Party is required to identify on its respective privilege log any  
6 document or communication dated after the filing of the Complaint. The Parties will exchange  
7 their respective privilege logs at a time and in a format to be agreed upon by the Parties following  
8 the production of documents or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

9 15.5 Prosecution Bar. Absent written consent from the designating Party, any attorney  
10 representing a Party and any person associated with a Party and permitted to receive the other  
11 Party's Protected Material that is designated CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS'  
12 EYES ONLY or CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE (collectively "HIGHLY SENSITIVE  
13 MATERIAL"), who obtains, receives, has access to, or otherwise learns, in whole or in part, the  
14 other Party's HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATERIAL under this Order ("Barred Persons") shall not  
15 prepare, prosecute, supervise, or assist in the preparation or prosecution of any patent application  
16 pertaining to the subject matter of the patents-in-suit as well as the subject matter of the HIGHLY  
17 SENSITIVE MATERIAL to which access is received, including without limitation the patents  
18 asserted in this action and any patent or application claiming priority to or otherwise related to the  
19 patents asserted in this action, before any foreign or domestic agency, including the United States  
20 Patent and Trademark Office ("the Patent Office"). This bar shall be in effect upon first receipt of  
21 HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATERIAL and ends two (2) years after the conclusion of this action,  
22 including any appeals. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a person with access to HIGHLY  
23 SENSITIVE MATERIAL from participating in post-grant PTO proceedings—e.g., IPR, PGR, ex  
24 parte reexamination—except that person shall not participate— directly or indirectly—in the  
25 amendment of any claim(s). For purposes of this paragraph, "prosecute" includes directly or  
26 indirectly drafting, amending, advising, or otherwise affecting the scope or maintenance of patent

1 claims. Prosecution includes, for example, original prosecution, reissue, and reexamination and  
2 other post-grant proceedings. To avoid any doubt, “prosecution” as used in this paragraph does  
3 not include representing a Party challenging a patent before a domestic or foreign agency  
4 (including, but not limited to, a reissue protest, ex parte reexamination, post grant review, or inter  
5 partes review).

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7 DATED: May 28, 2025

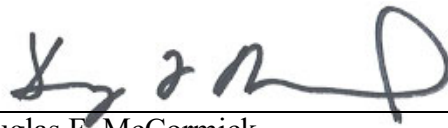
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of  
perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was issued by the  
United States District Court for the Central District of California in the case of *TS-OPTICS*  
*CORPORATION v. MICROSOFT CORPORATION*, No. 8:24-cv-1974-DOC-DFM (C.D. Cal.). I  
agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I understand  
and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the  
nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or  
item that is subject to this Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with  
the provisions of this Protective Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even  
if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT B

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], hereby acknowledge:

1. I affirm that I am not a past or present officer, director, or employee (including in-house counsel) of any party to this case.

2. I understand that the focus group study in which I have been requested to participate will result in the receipt by me of information considered by third parties to be confidential and proprietary.

3. In consideration of my selection to participate in the focus group and my receipt of compensation for my participation in that study, I agree to keep all information disclosed to me during the course of such study as confidential, and I will not disclose such information to any other person.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_